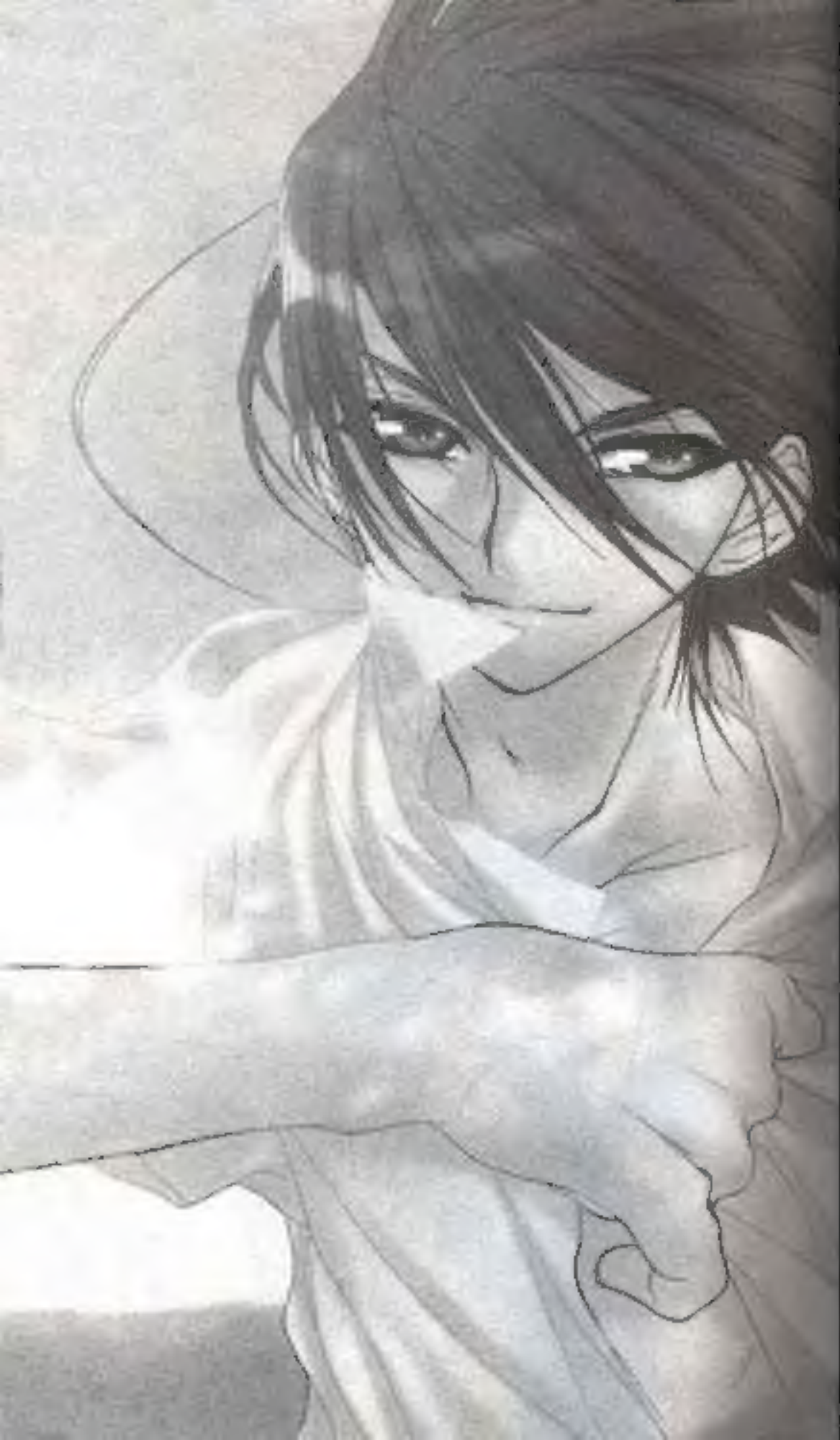


my heart
has begun to
yearn for its
lost feathers ...

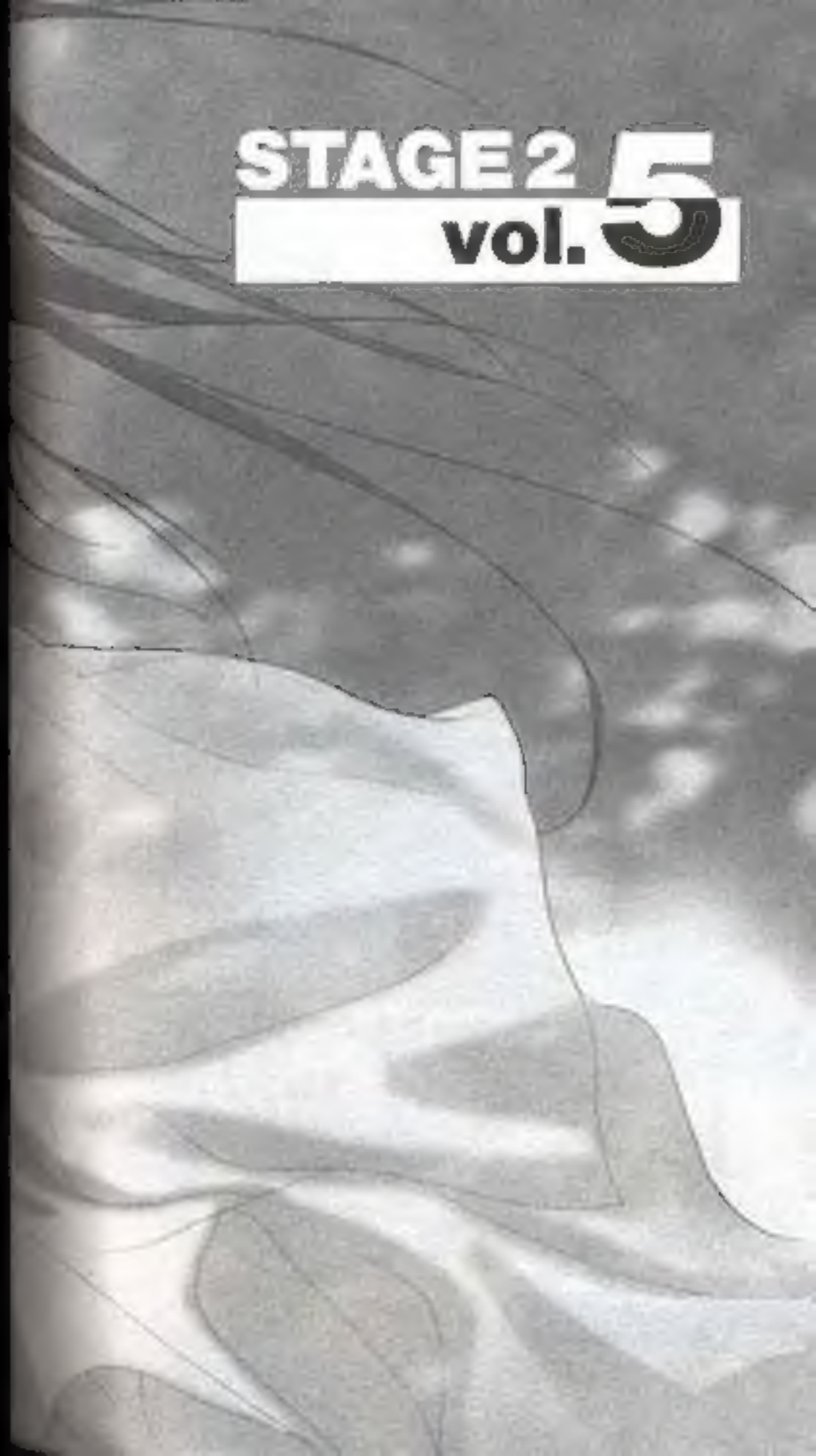
As if it were
a bird robbed of
its wings and
unable to fly,

I am
coming,
Dark ...





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DO YOU,
LIKE, UM,
HAVE ANY
FREE TIME
LATER?

かあ？

SA
...
SA-SA
...

SAWAMURA
-SAN!

↑
His full name is
Nishimura Yuuji.

WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT,
NISHIMURA
?

No, you aren't
imagining things.
You're still
reading the
(D)Angel
manga.

Her full name
is Sawamura
Miyuki.

EH?

DIDN'T
WE AGREE
ON THIS
EARLIER?

WE
WERE
GONNA
DO THIS
TOGETHER
...

ARE YOU
WILLING
TO, LIKE,
GO WITH
ME TO--

IF,
UM,
YOU
DO
...

HERE,
TAKE IT
!

おれ？

**YOU'VE
GOT
IT ALL
WRONG
!!!**

YOU'RE
LIKE THE
SUB-CAPTAIN
OF YOUR GROUP,
AREN'T YOU?
IF YOU EVEN
TRY TO SKIP
OUT ON ME,
I'LL BOX
YOUR
EARS!

**NO!
THAT'S
NOT WHAT
I MEANT!**

LISTEN.
FROM NOW
ON, WE'RE
GONNA GO
AROUND TAKING
ATTENDANCE
TOGETHER!

I'LL HANDLE
THE GIRLS,
AND YOU'LL
HANDLE THE
GUYS.

POINT

**I WASN'T
REFERRING
TO THAT
!!!**

IF WE
TRY TO TAKE
ATTENDANCE
TOGETHER,
IT'LL TAKE
TWICE THE
TIME.

I WAS
TRYING TO
TELL YOU
THAT I
WANTED
THE
TWO
OF US
TOGETH-
ER!

WAAH-!!

**NEVER
MIND!**

[ANGRY]

WHAT
DID YOU
SAY?!

**YOU
STUPID,
UGLY
WITCH!!!**

HEY,
LOOK
WHERE
YOU'RE
GOING,
YOU--!

ACK!

WAAAAAH!

NISHI-
MURA
-KUN
...

I...
UNDER-
STAND
NOW
...

ALL YA
HAFTA DO
IS CALL US!
WE'RE YOUR
BUDDIES.
WE'LL HELP
YA' OUT
...

SO THIS
IS WHAT'S
BEEN GOIN' ON
BETWEEN THE
MURAMURA
PAIR,
EH?

Muramura pair =
Nishimura and
Sawamura!

ARE WE
VILLAINS
?

SAE...

SAEHARA
...?

Y-YOU...
YOU DON'T
UNDERSTAND...
THIS IS ALL
A MISTAKE
...



WELL,
NISHIMURA-KUN

...
IF YOU'LL
JUST DO AS
WE REQUEST, I
THINK WE'LL FORGET
ALL ABOUT THAT
LITTLE SCENE
YOU HAD WITH
MIYUKI JUST
NOW
...

R--
REQUEST
?

KSHHCK

DON'T
WORRY
...
WE WON'T
TELL ANYONE,
I PROMISE!

YOU
GOT
IT ALL
WRONG!
WRONG,
I TELL
YOU!

THE
TWO OF YOU
ARE MAKING
ME VERY
SUSPICIOUS
ABOUT YOUR
SEXUAL
ORIENTATION
...

especially
because of
your actions--



I'M
ASSUM-
ING WE
HAVE A
DEAL
...

DAISUKE
ASKED ME
TO HELP AND
SIGN HIM IN
...

NOW THAT
THAT'S OUTTA
THE WAY AND
EVERYTHING,

YOU
JUST
...
SIGNED NIWA IN
ON THE
ATTEND-
ANCE
SHEET
?



I'LL
THANK
YOU
FOREVER
!!!

THANKS
FOR THE
FAVOR!

ARGHH!

HE PAYS
ME NO
RESPECT
AT ALL
...

TO MAKE
YOU SEE THE
ERROR IN YOUR
WAYS, I MUST
NOW GO AND TELL
EVERYONE ABOUT
YOUR PRIVATE
AFFAIRS.

AS CAPTAIN
OF OUR
GROUP,
THOUGH, I
MUST SAY
THAT I'M
ASHAMED
OF YOU.

You
actually
allowed
someone
to falsify
attendance
...

I DIDN'T
MEAN TO
ACCUSE
YOU OF
ANYTHING

...
IN FACT,
THIS
TECHNIQUE
IS QUITE
OFTEN
USED
BY THE
PAPA-
RAZZI
...

HI--
HIWATARI
-KUN!

When
did you
arrive?!

IT'S A
MISUNDER-
STANDING!
I SWEAR IT
!

AS IN IT
IT'S REALLY
VILE AND
PETTY?

UH
...

OH, JUST
REMEMBERED.
YOU'VE SEEN
DAISUKE
AROUND
ANYWHERE
?

Absolutely
no change in
expression

NO, I
HAVEN'T
SEEN
HIM.

NIWA?

THREATENING
SOMEONE
?

!!

YOU'VE
SEEN EITHER
OF 'EM?

WHAT
ABOUT THE
HARADA
TWINS,
THEN?

I'VE
BEEN
LOOKING
FOR 'EM
ALL DAY,
GONNA
DO IT TILL
LIGHTS-OUT.

SINCE
DAISUKE'S
A GUY, WE
SHOULDN'T
NEED TO
WORRY
ABOUT
HIM.

even if he
does
look
like a
girl!

THE GIRLS,
THOUGH...
JUST GOING
OFF LIKE THAT
ISN'T LIKE THEM.

SOMEBODY
SUGGESTED
THAT WE
SHOULD GO
LOOK, BUT
...

OH!

DON'T
TELL
NISHI-
MURA
ABOUT
THIS!

OH
MY
GOD!

HE'LL
GO ALL
BRAIN-
DEAD
ABOUT
IT!

WE
HAVE TO
TELL THE
TEACHER!

WE ALREADY
GOT SAWAMURA
TO SIGN THE
HARADAS IN.
I'M GONNA
GO AND GET
THE GUYS.

They
already
have too
much
work

I DON'T
THINK WE
SHOULD
BOTHR
ADULTS
WITH
THIS
KINDA
STUFF.

NAH
...

YOU
SHOULD
CONTACT
THE
POLICE
...



[SIGH]



SAE...



THANKS,
HIWATARI!



BEEP

BEEP

BEEP

BEEP

BEEP



WHY
DOES HE
USE SUCH
INEFFICIENT
TACTICS
?





I DON'T
UNDERSTAND
HIM
...

THE
SEA
?

THE
SEA!

MY GOD,
THERE'S
WATER ALL
AROUND
ME!

SOMEBODY
SAVE ME!!!

OH
MY
GOD!



THE
WATER
...
IT'S
RISING!



WASN'T
ALL THE
BEACH
UNTIL
A FEW
MINUTES
AGO?

RIKU'S
ALSO
GONE
...

WHAT
DO I
DO?

HELP
?

I CAN'T
SWIM THAT
KIND OF
DISTANCE

OH

IT'S
ALL DARK
NOW .
DOES
ANYONE
EVEN KNOW
THAT I'M
GONE?

遭難。 梨紅毛

MY
TUMMY
...

I'M
HUNGRY
...

I DIDN'T
EAT MUCH
THIS
MORNING

THAT'S
WHY I'M
STUCK
HERE
NOW

BAD
KARMA

I
DIDN'T EVEN
BOTHER
TO LISTEN
TO RISA'S
EXPLANATION

OOOH...
IT'S ALL
MY FAULT I
SHOULDN'T
HAVE SAID
SUCH NASTY
THINGS
ABOUT
NIWA-KUN

HELP
!!!
SAVE
ME
!!!

MOMMY!
DADDY!
RIKU!

おぼろけ
NO!

BET THEY
THINK I'M
NOT DUMB
ENOUGH TO
GET MYSELF
LOST IN THE
MIDDLE OF A
FOREST AT
NIGHT

I MIGHT
JUST TURN
INTO A
PILE OF
BLEACHED
WHITE BONES

I
WONDER
IF ANYONE
WILL COME
AND FIND
ME.

DARK!



I
CAN'T
!



I DON'T
WANNA
DIE!

NO
!



DON'T
GO OUT
AT NIGHT!
THERE ARE
BEARS!

SENSEI
TOLD US
THAT ON
THE WAY
HERE...!

THAT'S
RIGHT



DAISUKE
SAID THAT
TO ME



REMEMBER,
IF YOU GET
LOST, DON'T
JUST GO
WALKING
AROUND.

IF YOU
JUST STAY
IN THE SAME
PLACE, I CAN
PROBABLY
FIND YOU!

IF YOU
EVER GET
LOST,
RIKU

...

あ
と
い
...

I'LL
WAIT
FOR
HIM!

I'LL FIND
YOU. I
PROMISE.

EVEN
THOUGH
IT'S REALLY
SCARY

EVEN IF
I FEEL
LIKE I'M
GOING
CRAZY

...

I TRUST
HIM. HE'LL
COME AND
TAKE ME
BACK!



IT'S
LIKE WIND
FROM A
NOONDAY
SHOWER,
BLOWING
UPWARDS
FROM
BELOW
ME...

YES...

IT'S LIKE
...

WHAT
IS THIS?
THE SOUND
OF HAIL?
OR IS IT
RAIN?





BECAUSE
OF THE
"CULTURAL
REVOLUTION"
?

LONG
AGO, THERE
WERE MANY
WORLDS
LIKE THIS
ONE.

IS THAT
WHAT
HUMANS
CALL IT?
PERHAPS
...

ONLY
A FEW
REMAIN.

THE
TREASURES
OF AGES
WERE LOST,
FOREVER
ERADICATED.

IN THE GREAT
HOLOCAUST,
MANY PIECES
OF ART WERE
DESTROYED
OR DAMAGED
BEYOND
REPAIR

MANY
...
MANY
WERE
BURNED
...

THERE
IS NO
DOUBT.

THIS IS
THE ROOT
OF THE
PROBLEM
..

WHY ARE
THERE PEOPLE
WHO THINK
THAT ART IS
WORTHLESS?

EVERYTHING

OR DARK
HIMSELF

WHETHER
IT'S THE ART
STOLEN BY
DARK

ON
ITS
OTHER
END,

HIKARU

THOSE THAT
DESTROY...
THEY DON'T
CHOOSE THEIR
TARGETS BY
"VALUE".
THEY CHOOSE
THE THINGS
THEY ARE
AFRAID OF.

EVERY-
THING
IS
BOUND
BY A
CHAIN
THAT
CANNOT
BE
BROKEN.

THIS IS
WHY THEY
CHOOSE
THE THINGS
CRAFTED BY
HIKARU.

THE
CHAIN IS
ALWAYS
LINKED
TO THIS
NAME.



RIKU
-SAN
...?

SHE'S
CRYING?





AAH!

NO,
NIWA
DAISUKE
!

!!

RIKU
-SAN,
WHY
ARE
YOU
...?

RIKU
!

FOR
A HUMAN
TO ENTER
THIS WORLD
IS ENOUGH
TO CAUSE
IT TO GO
UNSTABLE!

AH!

WAIT
!

IF YOU
SHAKE IT
UP EVEN
MORE,
WE'RE
BOTH
GONNA
DIE!

BUT...
RIKU!
SHE'S

...

RIK--

HOLD
STILL,

PLEASE



DIDN'T
I TELL
YOU
BEFORE
WE GOT
IN?



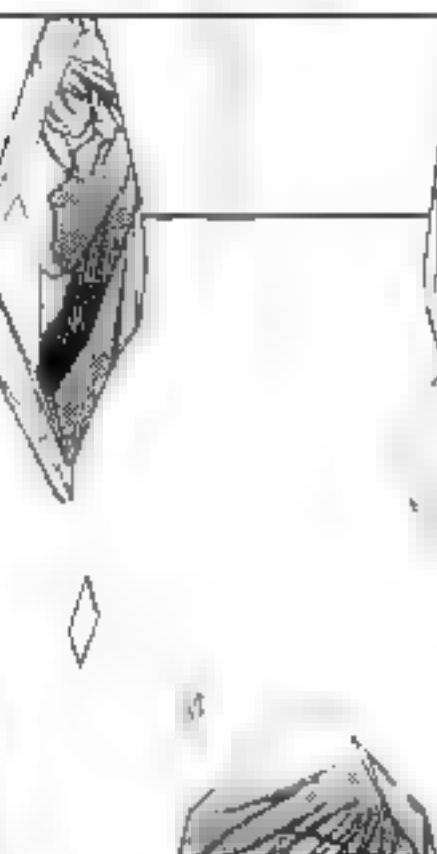
SHE'S
ALREADY
GONE
...



NO...

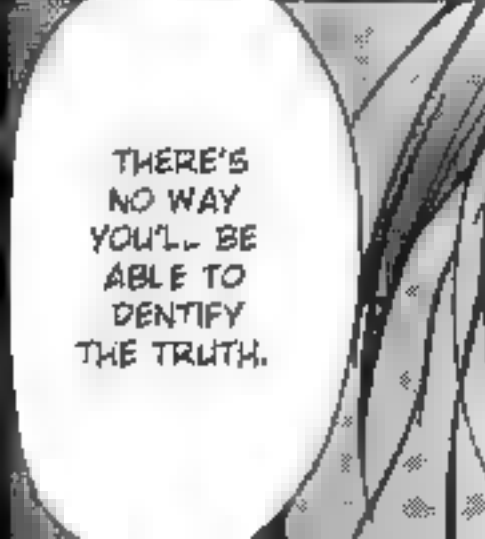


NONE
OF IT
...



THIS
WORLD'S
SLOWLY
MERGING
WITH DARK'S
CONSCIOUS-
NESS.

NOTHING
YOU SEE
IS REAL.



THERE'S
NO WAY
YOU'LL BE
ABLE TO
IDENTIFY
THE TRUTH.



IF YOU
CAN'T
ACCEPT
WHAT'S
FALSE
FOR WHAT
IT IS,

I'M
GONNA
BRING
YOU
BACK!

THAT'S
RIGHT

DARK,

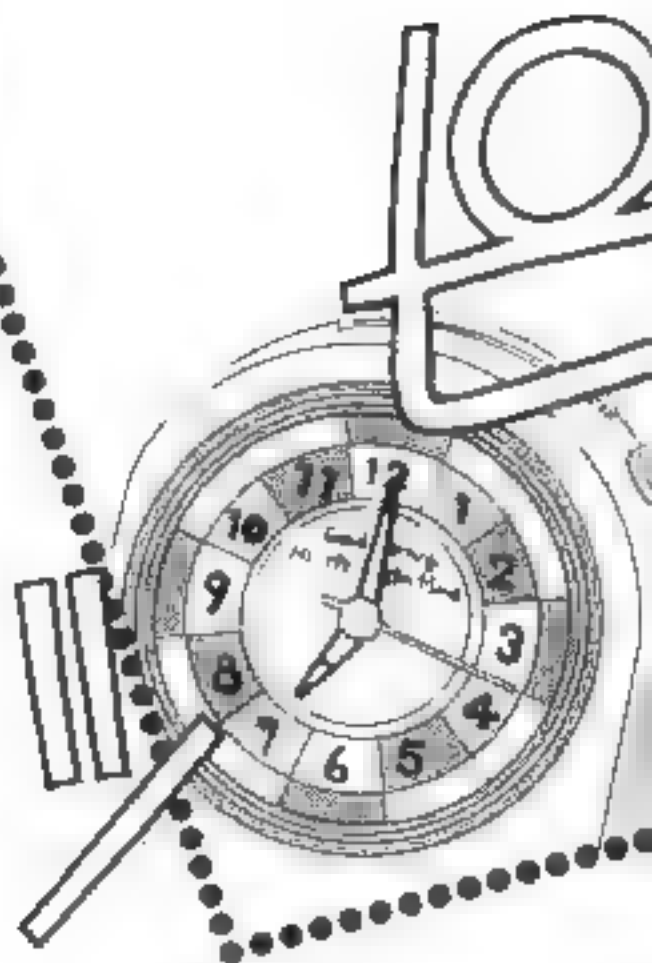
THE CORE
OF HIS
MIND IS
RIGHT
OVER
THERE.

I'M
GOING
IN
...

CONCEN-
TRATE!

RRING!

RRING!



IS IT
MORNING
2

IS IT AN
ALARM
CLOCK?

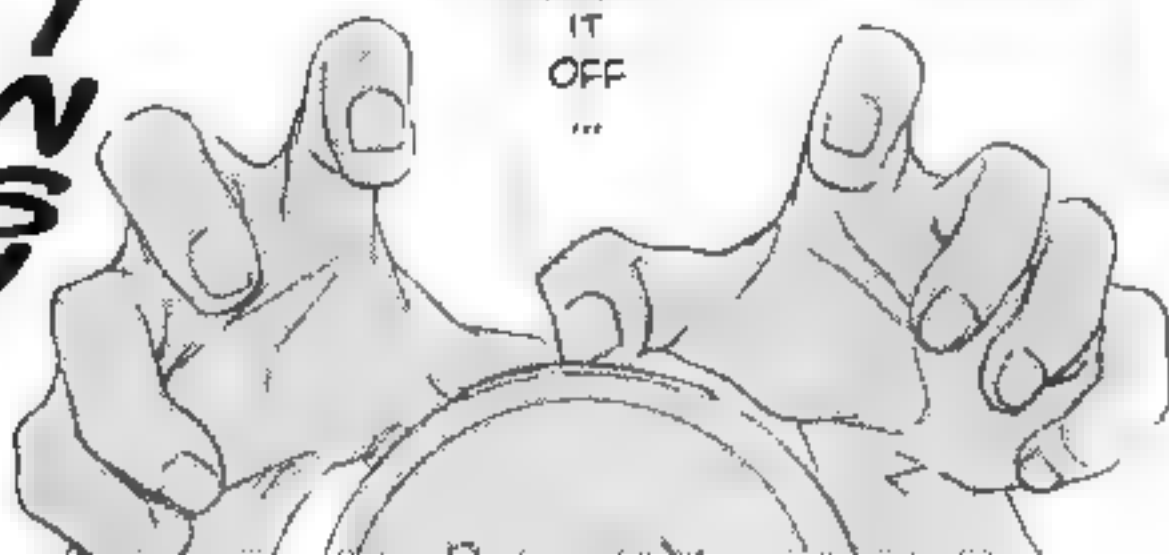
WHAT?
THIS
NO SE
...



TURN
IT
OFF
...

YES,
IT'S AN
ALARM
CLOCK
...

RRING!





EVEN THOUGH
I HAVE
ABSOLUTELY
NO IDEA
WHAT'S
GOING ON,
I APOLOGIZE
FOR THIS
INTRUSION!
SORRY!
BYE!

WA
AA
AA
AHH
!!!
...

WAA
AAAA
AAAA
AHHH
HHH
!!!!
...

SFX - THUD THUD -

PANT
PANT

WHY IS IT
MORNING
ALREADY?!
HOW COME
I WAS LYING
IN BED WITH
SOME GUY?!
WHY?!

W-WHA-
WHAT WAS
THAT?!

IT'S MY
HOUSE
...

THAT
ROOM
I JUST
WOKE
UP IN
WAS
MINE
...

NIWA

[PEEK]



WHAT'S
WRONG
WITH
YOU?

EH?

NIWA
DAISLKE
?

DA-CHAN
?

IS
THAT
YOU,
TOWA
-CHAN?



WHERE
?

RIGHT
IN FRONT
OF YOU!

WHERE
ARE
YOU?

RIGHT
HERE



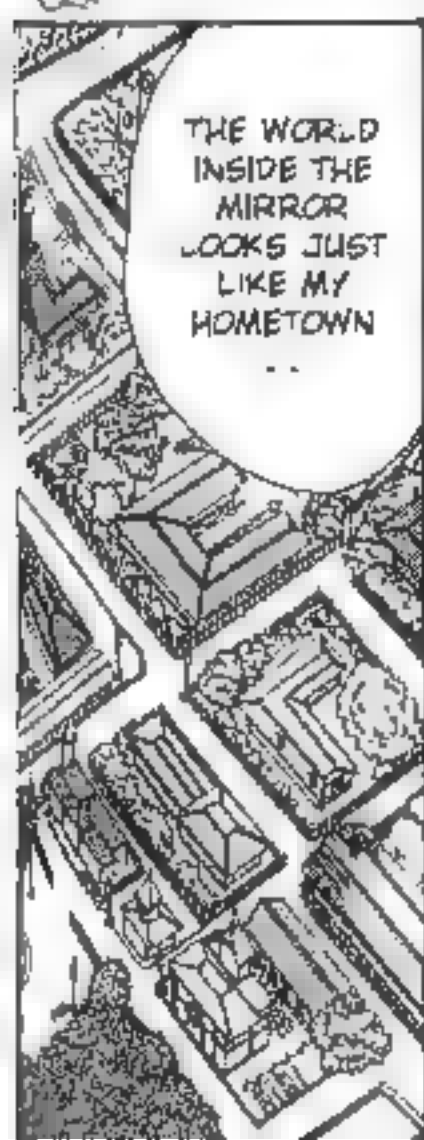
HERE

WHO
WAS
THAT
GUY?!

HE
WAS
MY
AGE!

Prob-
ably

ちま





THIS
IS THE
"DREAM
OF DARK."

THIS
WORLD
AND
EVERY-
THING
WITHIN IT

DARK
BUILT
HIMSELF

A
DREAM

NOTHING
IN THIS
WORLD
IS REAL!

IT'S
ALL AS
IMMATERIAL
AS A
BUBBLE.

I REALLY
SHOULDN'T
HAVE TO
REMIND
YOU ABOUT
THIS!



THE
WORLD
AS DARK
SEES IT
...

A
DREAM
WORLD
...



!

DON'T
RUN!

BE
CAREFUL,
HONEY!

I
KNOW
MOM.



IT WAS
THAT GUY
I WOKE UP
NEXT TO
...

EHP?

! Wtth.





...?

AM I
HEARING
THINGS?

DARK
!

WAIT,
DARK!

DA--

OUCH
!

THAT'S
GOTTA
BE DARK
...!

IT
DOESN'T
MATTER
WHAT HE
LOOKS
LIKE

IT'S
HIM,

DARK
!

I
KNOW
IT!

DARK'S
GETTING
AWAY!

THAT
WAS
DARK!

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING,
E-CHAN
?!

DARK
!

LET ME
SET THIS
STRAIGHT

NO,
NIWA
DAISUKE!

EVERY-
THING
ABOUT
YOU
...

ABOUT
ANYTHING
...

THE
DARK THAT
YOU SAW
JUST NOW...
HIS WINGS
OF MEMORY
ARE SPENT.

NONE OF
IT EXISTS
IN HIS
MIND ANY
LONGER
...

MY ONLY
REMAINING
CONNECTION
WITH DARK
IS THE
FEATHER
ON THE
GROUND
BESIDE
MY HAND.

HERE,
IN HIS
DREAM,
IT HAS
COME
TRUE
...

I NEVER
IMAGINED
THAT THE
NIGHTMARE
I DREAMED
WOULD BE
SHARED BY
DARK
...



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